

New Jersey PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Early Learning through the Arts

The
New Jersey
Wolf Trap
Program

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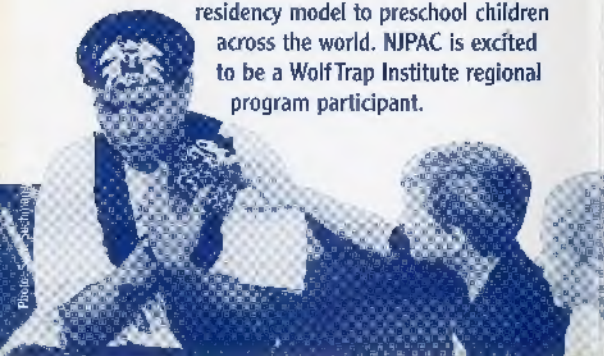
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History is unfolding as the New Jersey Performing Arts Center takes shape. The Center, which opens in October 1997, includes Prudential Hall (2,750 seats), Victoria Theater (500 seats), restaurants, banquet facilities, a gift shop and an outdoor Theater Square. Located on the Newark Riverfront near Gateway Center, Penn Station and the Ironbound District, NJPAC is New Jersey's home-grown success story. World-class performers from every continent will appear on the NJPAC stages.

Because NJPAC has placed children at the heart of its mission, the Arts Education Department is dedicated to providing New Jersey children, families and educators with opportunities to participate in high-quality performing arts experiences. Expected to reach more than 100,000 children in 100 communities during the 1997-98 school year, NJPAC has already provided more than 13,000 young people throughout New Jersey with creative programs that nurture exploration and discovery in the production and performance of the arts.

The Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts

The Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts is a program of the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, an internationally renowned cultural organization in Vienna, Virginia. Since 1981, the Institute has been bringing their acclaimed residency model to preschool children across the world. NJPAC is excited to be a Wolf Trap Institute regional program participant.



Program Description

NJPAC Early Learning Through the Arts—The New Jersey Wolf Trap Program provides preschool children with a foundation for future learning by utilizing the performing arts to teach basic academic and life skills. Artists specializing in creative dramatics, puppetry, music, storytelling or dance come into schools and community centers twice a week for a seven-week period.



Photo: Nick Janney

What Is Included?

- Professional Development Workshops for teachers
- Parent Workshops
- Comprehensive Curriculum Materials (4-volume book set and 3 cassette tapes)
- Attendance at a professional performance at NJPAC
- Student Assessment & Evaluation Plan

Classes are limited to 20 students, 3-5 years of age, to ensure individualized attention. The 45-minute classes are enhanced by planning sessions, lesson plan development, and comprehensive curriculum materials. The program also empowers classroom teachers to continue the learning process after the residency is completed. The final two classes are led by the teacher with the artist's guidance.



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Organizations Served:

- Public School Districts
- Head Start Chapters
- Private Preschools
- Child Development Centers
- Community Organizations
- Private School Associations
- Parent Groups

Yes, I am interested in receiving more information on how we can bring the **NJPAC Early Learning Through the Arts—The New Jersey Wolf Trap Program** to our organization.

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Direct Student Benefits:

According to a study conducted by Harvard University's Project Zero, the collaborative use of the performing arts as a teaching tool can assist learning in the following ways: fostering cognitive growth in relation to curriculum materials and memory ability; promoting social participation and the ability to learn in a group setting; stimulating emotional growth and self-esteem; increasing gross and fine motor control; developing awareness of individual creativity; expanding conceptual and verbal communication skills; creating motivation and enthusiasm for learning.

Artists:

NJPAC employs professional theater, dance and music artists that are trained by the Wolf Trap Institute to work specifically with preschool children.

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